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1. ZAGREB DAILY "VJESNIK" FOR APRIL 15 CONTINUES EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF VISIT IN US OF CROATIAN DELEGATION LED BY PRESIDENT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DR. JAKOV SIROTKOVIC. STORY (24 COL. INCHES) WRITTEN BY CORRESPONDENT VUKOV COLIC IS IN LEAD POSITION ON FRONT PAGE UNDER HEADLINE "INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURES." ZAGREB EDITION OF "BORBA" AND LOCAL TABLOID "VECERNJI LIST" CARRY SHORTER TANJUG WIRE REPORT ON INSIDE WORLD NEWS PAGES, BORBA UNDER HEADLINE "TALKS ON EXPANDING ECONOMIC COOPERATION" AND VECERNJI LIST UNDER "ADVANCEMENT OF RELATIONS." INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF EXCERPTS FROM VJESNIK ARTICLE FOLLOWS.

2. "INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURES

"MEMBERS OF DELEGATION TALK TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOST ABOUT IMPORTANT ECONOMIC UNDERTAKINGS, JOINT INVESTMENTS, EMIGRANT QUESTIONS AND BILATERAL COOPERATION IN OTHER FIELDS.

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"WASHINGTON (FROM THE PERMANENT CORRESPONDENT OF 'VJESNIK') -- PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF SABOR SRC, JAKOV SIROTKOVIC, AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ANTE ZELIC AND LJUBO MAJERIC WHO ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE SABOR SRC ARE ON A SEVEN DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HAD DURING THE SECOND WORKING DAY IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF USA ALSO A

SERIES OF VERY USEFUL MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADING REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE.

3. "THUS AT THE MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF OPIC, CONDUCTED BY RUTHERFORD POATS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, A VERY OPEN DISCUSSION WAS HELD ABOUT THE NEW LAW ON JOINT VENTURES. MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP WHICH UNITES PRIVATE INVESTORS WHO INVEST THEIR MONEY IN FOREIGN PROJECTS, SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN THE DRAFT OF THE NEW LAW. JUDGING BY THE ATMOSPHERE DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS THERE EXISTS EVERY PROSPECT FOR EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE USA AND SR CROATIA.

4. "IN CONTINUATION OF ECONOMIC TALKS WHICH ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE VISIT INCLUDED THE MOST IMPORTANT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TREASURY AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS IBRD, MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION DISCUSSED IMPORTANT ECONOMIC VENTURES SUCH AS A SOYA FACTORY IN VUKOVAR, MODERNIZATION OF DJURO DJAKOVIC, COOPERATION BETWEEN INA AND DOW CHEMICAL, MODERNIZATION OF CROATIAN RADIO-TV, TRANSPORTATION OF EQUIPMENT IMPORTED FROM USA AND THE ZAGREB-BELGRADE HIGHWAY IN WHICH THE IBRD IS VERY INTERESTED. IN A SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHICAGO CHAMBER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, ANTE ZELIC SPOKE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT BROADENING CO-OPERATION WITH THIS PART OF THE USA.

5. "VERY FRUITFUL ALSO WERE THE DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL TALKS IN THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. CONGRESSMAN CLEMENT J. ZABLOCKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, ASSESSED VERY POSITIVELY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN THEIR EXPANSION AND FASTER DEVELOPMENT.
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DURING THIS DISCUSSION IN WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE USA RESPECTS SELF-MANAGING AND NON-ALIGNED YUGOSLAVIA, THERE WAS MUCH TALK ALSO ABOUT THE EMIGRANTS OF OUR ORIGIN. A POSITIVE ASSESSMENT WAS MADE OF EFFORTS FOR THE EMIGRANTS TO PRESERVE THEIR LANGUAGE, CUSTOMS AND TIES WITH THE NATIVE LAND. THE SERIES OF EVENTS ORGANIZED BY EMIGRANTS BOTH IN USA AND SR CROATIA FOR THE BICENTENNIAL ALSO RECEIVED A HIGH EVALUATION. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF OUR EMIGRANTS, IT WAS SAID, CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND USA. ONLY A SMALL NUMBER STAND AGAINST NOT ONLY YUGOSLAVIA BUT ALSO AGAINST THE OFFICIAL POLICY OF THE USA WHICH WISHES TO CONTINUE PROMOTING GOOD INTERHUMAN RELATIONS WITH THE SELF-MANAGING AND NON-ALIGNED YUGOSLAVIA.

6. "AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT THE DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE HARTMAN. ONCE MORE WAS REPEATED THE EVALUATION OF FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS TO WHICH, AS IT WAS SAID, ALSO THIS VISIT OF THE DELEGATION WILL GIVE AN EXPRESSIVE CONTRIBUTION. AREAS IN WHICH CROATIA CAN CON-

TRIBUTE TO RELATIONS BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND USA INCLUDE ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION. ALSO MENTIONED WERE THE NUMEROUS AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO EMIGRATED FROM CROATIA, AND ESPECIALLY EMPHASIZED WERE THE GOOD CITY-TO-CITY EXPERIENCES. DIMCE BELOVSKI, SFRY AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, PARTICIPATED AT BOTH THE STATE AND CONGRESSIONAL TALKS.

7. "LJUBO MAJERIC, MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION, HELD ALSO A SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE CROATIAN FRATERNAL UNION. NUMEROUS MEETINGS WITH OUR EMIGRANTS ARE EXPECTED IN PITTSBURGH, WHERE THE DELEGATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL ARRIVE THURSDAY EVENING. IN THE MEANTIME THE DELEGATION WILL VISIT MIDLAND, MICHIGAN, HEADQUARTERS OF DOW CHEMICAL, FOR A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE START OF PROJECTS CONTRACTED WITH INA. DRAZEN VUKOV COLIC" KAISER

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